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I. Introduction

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/36 L of 9 December 1991 on transparency in armaments, the Secretary-General, on 1 January 1992, established the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms. In that resolution, the General Assembly called upon all Member States to provide annually data on imports and exports of conventional arms in the seven categories covered under the Register. It also invited Member States, pending the expansion of the Register, to provide to the Secretary-General, with their annual report on imports and exports of arms, available background information regarding their military holdings, procurement through national production and relevant policies, and requested the Secretary-General to record that material and to make it available for consultation by Member States at their request.

2. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly, by its resolution 47/52 L of 12 December 1992 on transparency in armaments, called upon all Member States to provide the requested data and information to the Secretary-General by 30 April annually, beginning in 1993, and encouraged Member States to inform the Secretary-General of their national arms import and export policies, legislation and administrative procedures, both as regards authorization of arms transfers and prevention of illicit transfers, in conformity with paragraph 18 of its resolution 46/36 L. Subsequent resolutions of the General Assembly reiterated this request.[1]

3. Pursuant to requests by the General Assembly,[2] the Secretary-General, with the assistance of a group of governmental experts in 1994 and 1997, respectively, prepared reports on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development. The reports were submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth and fifty-second sessions (A/49/316 and A/52/316).

4. By resolution 49/75 C and subsequent resolutions,[3] the General Assembly decided to keep the scope of and participation in the Register under review, and to that end requested Member States to provide the Secretary-General with their views on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development and on transparency measures related to weapons of mass destruction. The views of Member States were contained in reports of the Secretary-General on the subject (A/50/276 and Add.1, A/51/300 and Add.1-5 and A/52/312 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1-4).

5. At its fifty-second session, the General Assembly, by its resolution 52/38 R of 9 December 1997, called upon Member States, with a view to achieving universal participation, to provide the Secretary-General by 31 May annually with the requested data and information for the Register, including nil reports if appropriate, on the basis of resolutions 46/36 L and 47/52 L and the recommendations contained in the 1997 report of the Secretary-General on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development (A/52/316). In addition, the General Assembly invited Member States in a position to do so, pending further development of the Register, to provide additional information on procurement from national production and military holdings and to make use of the "Remarks" column in the standardized reporting form to provide additional information such as types or models.

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[1] Resolutions 48/75 E of 16 December 1993, 49/75 C of 15 December 1994, 50/70 D of 12 December 1995 and 51/45 H of 10 December 1996.

[2] Resolutions 47/52 L, 48/75 E, 49/75 C, 50/70 D and 51/45 H.

[3] Resolutions 50/70 D and 51/45 H.

6. By the same resolution, the General Assembly decided, with a view to further development of the Register, to keep the scope of and participation in the Register under review, and to that end requested Member States to provide the Secretary-General with their views on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development and on transparency measures related to weapons of mass destruction. In accordance with paragraph 5 (a) of the resolution, the Secretary-General received views from Cuba, Mexico and Saudi Arabia. A reply was also submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in its capacity as President of the European Union, together with associated countries (Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and Iceland and Norway. The countries members of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) also associated themselves with the reply. The views are contained in annex I to the present report.

7. At the same session, the General Assembly, by its resolution 52/38 B of 9 December 1997, requested the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States on ways and means of enhancing transparency in the fields of weapons of mass destruction and manufacture of such weapons with a view to enhancing transparency in the field of conventional weapons and to include in his report to the Assembly at its fifty-third session a special section on the implementation of the resolution. In accordance with paragraph 3 of the resolution, the Secretary-General has received views from Mexico and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in its capacity as President of the European Union, together with associated countries (Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and Iceland and Norway. The EFTA countries also associated themselves with the reply. The views are contained in annex II to the present report.

8. The present report is the sixth consolidated report issued by the Secretary-General since the establishment of the Register.[4] It contains data and information provided by 93 Governments[5] on imports and exports of conventional arms covered under the Register – battle tanks, armoured combat vehicles, large-calibre artillery systems, attack helicopters, combat aircraft, warships, missiles and missile launchers – for the calendar year 1997. The report includes for the first time additional information provided by Governments on procurement from national production and military holdings. The replies as received are contained in sections II and IV below. Any additional replies received from Governments will be issued as addenda to the present report.

9. Section III of the present report contains an index of the background information submitted by Governments in accordance with paragraphs 10 and 18 of General Assembly resolution 46/36 L and paragraph 5 of resolution 47/52 L. The background information is available at the Department for Disarmament Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat for consultation.

[4] The first to fourth reports were issued under the symbols A/48/344 and Corr.1-3 and Add.1-3, A/49/352 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1-4, A/50/547 and Corr.1 and Add.1-4, A/51/300 and Add.1-5 and A/52/312 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1-4, respectively.

[5] Including "nil" reports submitted by Cook Islands, Kiribati and Niue.

II. Information received from Governments[6]

10. Information received from Governments is presented in this section of the report as follows: (a) a composite table listing all the replies received by the Secretary-General, and (b) individual replies of Governments. Where appropriate, the relevant parts of notes verbales are also reproduced.

11. The composite table is provided for ease of reference. As regards the information contained in the table, it should be noted that a "yes" denotes a submission of data regarding imports and/or exports in relation to the seven categories of arms covered by the Register, during the reporting period. For the purpose of uniform tabulation, responses by Governments that contained either "nil", "none", "0", a dash (–), or which otherwise indicated that no exports and/or imports in the categories covered by the Register had taken place are reflected in the table as "nil" reports. A blank space under data on imports and/or exports in the composite table indicates that no information was provided. In some cases, however, an explanation can be found in the note verbale of the country in question, as indicated above. Only those parts of the standardized forms which contain specific data and notes verbales of Governments providing relevant information are reproduced in part B of this section. Replies in standardized forms or in notes verbales containing "nil" or blank reports are listed in the composite table only.

[6] The documents have been reproduced as received. The designations employed do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Secretariat of the United Nations concerning the legal status of any country, territory or area, or of its authorities.

A. Composite table of replies of Governments[a]

State	Data on exports	Data on imports	Explanation submitted in note verbale	Background information
Andorra	nil	nil		no
Antigua and Barbuda	nil	nil		no
Argentina	nil	yes		no
Armenia	nil	nil		yes
Australia	yes	yes		yes
Austria	nil	yes		yes
Azerbaijan	nil	nil		yes
Belarus	yes	yes		no
Belgium	yes	yes		yes
Belize	nil	nil		no
Benin	nil	nil		no
Bhutan	nil	nil		no
Brazil	nil	yes		yes
Brunei Darussalam	nil	nil		no
Bulgaria	yes	nil		yes
Cameroon	nil	yes		no
Canada	yes	yes		yes
Chile	nil	yes		no
Cuba	nil	nil		no
Cyprus	nil	yes		no
Czech Republic	yes	nil		yes

[a] "Nil" reports were also received from Cook Islands, Kiribati and Niue.

State	Data on exports	Data on imports	Explanation submitted in note verbale	Background information
Denmark	nil	yes		yes
Estonia	nil	yes		no
Ethiopia	nil	nil		no
Finland	yes	yes		no
France	yes	nil		yes
Georgia	nil	yes		no
Germany	yes	yes		yes
Greece	yes	yes		yes
Guatemala	nil	nil		no
Guyana	nil	nil		no
Hungary	nil	yes		no
Iceland	nil	nil		no
India	nil	yes		no
Indonesia		yes		no
Ireland	nil	nil		yes
Israel	yes	yes		yes
Italy	yes	nil		yes
Jamaica	nil	nil		no
Japan	nil	yes		yes
Jordan	nil	yes		no
Kazakhstan	nil	nil		no
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	nil	nil	yes	no
Liechtenstein	nil	nil		no
Lithuania	nil	nil		no
Luxembourg	nil	nil		yes
Malaysia	nil	yes		no

State	Data on exports	Data on imports	Explanation submitted in note verbale	Background information
Maldives	nil	nil		no
Malta	nil	nil		no
Mauritius	nil	nil		no
Micronesia (Federated States of)	nil	nil		yes
Monaco	nil	nil		no
Mongolia	nil	nil		no
Nepal	nil	nil		no
Netherlands	yes	nil		yes
New Zealand	nil	nil		yes
Niger	nil	nil		no
Norway	nil	yes		no
Pakistan	nil	yes		no
Paraguay	nil	nil		no
Peru	nil	yes		no
Philippines		yes		no
Poland	yes	nil		yes
Portugal	nil	yes		yes
Qatar		yes		no
Republic of Korea	nil	yes		no
Romania	yes	nil		no
Russian Federation	yes	nil		no
Samoa	nil	nil		no
San Marino	nil	nil		no
Seychelles	nil	nil		no
Singapore	yes	yes		no

State	Data on exports	Data on imports	Explanation submitted in note verbale	Background information
Slovakia	yes	nil		no
Slovenia	nil	yes		no
Solomon Islands		nil		no
South Africa	yes	nil		yes
Spain	yes	yes		yes
Sweden	yes	yes		yes
Switzerland	yes	yes		yes
Tajikistan	nil	nil		yes
Thailand		yes		no
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	nil	yes		no
Turkey	yes	yes		yes
Turkmenistan	nil	nil		no
Ukraine	yes	nil		no
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	yes	nil		yes
United Republic of Tanzania	nil	nil		no
United States of America	yes	yes	yes	yes
Venezuela	nil	nil		yes
Viet Nam		yes		no

B. Replies received from Governments

ARGENTINA

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Argentina**

Original language: Spanish
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 25 June 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
II. Armoured combat vehicles	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	9			Wheeled Personnel Carrier VUE 10 ton (Tactica) 4x4 Glover Blindado p/10 persons	For use by Argentinian Peace Force UNFICYP (Cyprus)
IV. Combat aircraft	United States of America	36			A4-AR	

AUSTRALIA

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Australia**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 22 June 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
II. Armoured combat vehicles	United States of America	8	Canada		LAV-25	
	Kuwait	2	Grenade launchers and gun ring - United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		Shorland 5600 armoured vehicles	
III. Large calibre artillery systems	New Zealand	1	United States of America	Australia	MK 45 MOD2 Gun (5 inch)	Exported to New Zealand as part of ANZAC Class Frigate
VI. Warships	New Zealand	1			Anzac class frigate	Exported to New Zealand after delivery to Williamstown
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	New Zealand	1	United States of America	Australia	NATO seasparrow missile (RIM-7p)	Exported to New Zealand as part of ANZAC Class Frigate

Note: One TAP-3 aircraft, an ex-US Navy P-3B Orion that was modified for Pilot training, was delivered to the Royal Australian Air Force in August 1997. The TAP-3 aircraft do not meet the criteria for combat aircraft, as they are for training only, and do not have a weapon launch capability (this capability has been removed).

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Reporting country: **Australia**(cont'd)

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 22 June 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
III. Large calibre artillery systems	United States of America	1			MK 45 MOD 2 gun (5 inch)	Defined as transfer of title
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	United States of America	18			NATO Seasparrow missiles (RIM-7P) - 10 tactical and 8 telemetry missiles	Defined as transfer of title

Note: Differences in accounting procedures and definition of transfer dates may create discrepancies with figures from exporter States. When reporting transfer, the following criteria were used: transfer of title.

AUSTRIA

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Austria**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 26 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
I. Battle tanks	Netherlands	35	Germany		MBT Leopard	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Germany	87			TD Jaguar	
III. Large calibre artillery systems	United States of America	27			M 109	

BELARUS

EXPORTS
Reporting country: **Belarus**

Original language: Russian
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 1 June 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
III. Large calibre artillery systems	Democratic Republic of the Congo	6	Russian Federation		PSZO BM-21	Departed from the exporter's territory
IV. Combat aircraft	Peru	2	Russian Federation		MIG-29UB	Departed from the exporter's territory
		8			MIG-29	
		10			SU-25	
		8			SU-25UB	
	Algeria	2	Russian Federation		SU-24MPK	Departed from the exporter's territory
V. Attack helicopters	Papua New Guinea	2	Russian Federation		MI-24P	Departed from the exporter's territory
	Sierra Leone	2	Russian Federation		MI-24B	Departed from the exporter's territory prior to imposing UN sanctions

IMPORTS
Reporting country: **Belarus**

Original language: Russian
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 1 June 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
IV. Combat aircraft	Russian Federation	2			MIG-29UB	Arrived in the importer's territory

BELGIUM

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Belgium**

Original language: French
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 13 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
I. Battle tanks	Brazil	29	Germany		Leopard 1A1	8 January 1997

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Belgium**

Original language: French
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 13 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
III. Large calibre artillery systems	France	14			105 MK II Howitzer	Completed October 1997

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Reporting country: **Brazil**

BRAZIL

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 11 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
I. Battle tanks	Belgium	28	Germany		Leopard 1A1-CC	[a]
	United States of America	91			M60 A3 TTS-CC	[b]
II. Armoured combat vehicles	United States of America	12			Personnel carrier AAVP-7A1	
		1			Command carrier AAVC-7A1	
		1			Repair-rescue carrier AAVR-7A1	
III. Large calibre artillery systems	Netherlands	3			105 mm howitzer M2A2	[c]
V. Attack helicopters	United States of America	20			Bell UH1H-Iroquois	
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	8			Super-Lynx MK21-A	
VI. Warships	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1			Frigate type 22	
VII. Missiles and missile launchers						[d]

[a] Other 59 Leopard 1A1 CC will be received in 1998. Same transfer reported in 1997.
[b] Same transfer reported in 1997.
[c] The transaction was agreed in 1994 and is the same reported by the Netherlands in the 1995 report (A/50/547). Delivery took place in 1997.
[d] The imported missiles are an organic part of the imported equipment mentioned.

National criteria on transfers

Exports: arrival of equipment in the final importer's territory.
Imports: incorporation of equipment into the inventory of the armed forces.

BULGARIA

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Bulgaria**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 10 June 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
III. Large calibre artillery systems	Togo	6			122 mm self-propelled howitzer	

Notes:

Bulgaria records only transfers of complete equipment as defined in the seven categories. Items which have been demilitarized, dismantled and some elements of them transferred as spare parts are not included.

CAMEROON

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Cameroon**

Original language: French
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 27 July 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	Exporter State(s)	Number of items	State of origin (if not exporter)	Intermediate location (if any)	Description of item	Comments on the transfer
IV. Combat aircraft	South Africa	6			Ground support type Impala	

CANADA

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Canada**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 14 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Saudi Arabia	19			16 command and control 2 Recce 1 personnel carrier	
IV. Combat aircraft	Botswana	13			CF-5 fighter 10 single seat 3 dual seat	

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Canada**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 14 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
III. Large calibre artillery systems	France	20[a]			LG1 MkII	
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	Ukraine	4				

[a] Out of a total order of 28, 8 were delivered in 1996, and the remaining 20 were delivered in 1997.

CHILE

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Chile**

Original language: Spanish
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 6 July 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
I. Battle tanks	Italy	128	United States of America	Italy-Chile Famae	M-113-A2	In the process of acquisition . Not received yet.
II. Armoured combat vehicles	France	10			AMX-30	In the process of acquisition . Not received yet.
IV. Combat aircraft	Chile	3	Chile		A-36	
VI. Warships[a]	Germany	2			TIGER-148	Incorporated during 1997
	Israel	2			SAAR-4	
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	France	12			Defence system A.A. MATRA MISTRAL	

[a] Fast patrol missile boat.

CYPRUS

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Cyprus**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 19 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
I. Battle tanks	Russian Federation	14			T-80UK	
	Greece	27			AMX-30	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Greece	39			Leonidas	

CZECH REPUBLIC

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Czech Republic**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 17 March 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
I. Battle tanks	Sri Lanka	3			T-55	
IV. Combat aircraft	Thailand	2			advanced jet trainer L-39	

Note: Report of transfers is based on departure of equipment from the exporter's territory.

DENMARK

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Denmark**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 14 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
IV. Combat aircraft	United States of America	4			F-16 A/B	Used aircraft
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	United States of America	44			AIM-120B AMRAAM Air to Air Missile	
		44			Launcher LAU-129 A/A	

ESTONIA

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Estonia**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 19 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
III. Large calibre artillery systems	Finland	6			105 mm howitzers	
	Bulgaria	14			120 mm mortars	

FINLAND

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Finland**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 29 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final Importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
III. Large calibre artillery systems	Estonia	6			105 mm howitzers	

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Finland**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 29 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
IV. Combat aircraft	United States of America	10			F-18 C Hornet	Assembled in Finland

FRANCE

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **France**

Original language: French
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 2 June 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
I. Battle tanks	United Arab Emirates	63			tanks Leclerc	
		5			tank recovery vehicles Leclerc	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Indonesia	36			VAB+VBL	
	Greece	12			VBL	
	Oman	41			VBL	
	Kuwait	20			VBL	
	Saudi Arabia	2			VBL	
III. Large calibre artillery systems	Belgium	14			canon 105 LG1	
	Canada	12			canon 105 LG1	
	Morocco	10			AMX13 155 F3	
		18			canon 155 F3	
	United Arab Emirates	2			LR 100 mm	
IV. Combat aircraft	Venezuela	1			Mirage 50	
	Qatar	3			Mirage 2000-5	
V. Attack helicopters	Colombia	2			Fennec AS 555 SN	
	Mauritius	1			Fennec AS 555 SN	

When reporting transfers the following criteria were used:

Exports

- Departure of equipment from the exporter's territory
- Transfer of title

Imports

- Arrival of equipment in the importer's territory
- Transfer of title

GEORGIA

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Georgia**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 29 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
IV. Combat aircraft	Ukraine	10			L-29	

GERMANY

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Germany**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 28 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
I. Battle tanks	Sweden	26			Leopard 2	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Austria	87			Jaguar 1	
	Sweden	361		Czech Republic (for re-export to Sweden)	BMP-1	
		31			MT-LB	
		25			MT-LBU	
		1			AIFV MTL B-A1	
VI. Warships	Chile	2			Fast attack craft/missile type 148	
	Colombia	1			Auxiliary vessel	
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	Norway	468			MLRS AT-2	

Notes:

Germany applies the departure of equipment from the exporter's territory criterion for recording arms transfers.

Germany continues to record only transfers of complete equipment, as defined in the seven categories, and not to include transfers of the following items:

(a) Items that have been demilitarized;
(b) Items transferred for destruction or disposal (especially scrapping);
(c) Items serving as museum exhibits.

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Germany** (cont'd)

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 28 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Sweden	3			BV 206S All Terrain Carrier	

GREECE

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Greece**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 12 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
I. Battle tanks	Cyprus	27	France		AMX-30	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Cyprus	39	Greece		Leonidas	National production

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Greece**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 12 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
IV. Combat aircraft	United States of America	16	United States of America		F-16	Purchase
VI. Warships	-	1	Greece		1 LST	National production
	Netherlands	1	Netherlands		1 FFGH ("Kortenaer" class Frigate)	Purchase
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	United States of America	9			227 mm MLRS	

HUNGARY

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Hungary**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 22 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Russian Federation	190			BTR80	
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	Russian Federation	1600			9M131	

INDIA

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **India**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 29 June 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
IV. Combat aircraft	Russian Federation	8				
VI. Warships	Russian Federation	1	Russian Federation			
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	Russian Federation	60				
		8				

INDONESIA

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Indonesia**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 19 August 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
II. Armoured combat vehicles	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	23			12 Tactica APC 10 Stomer APC 1 Bridgelaying	
III. Large calibre artillery systems	Singapore	5			5 unit 155mm Field Howitzer	
IV. Combat aircraft	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	4			1 Hawk 109 3 Hawk 209	

ISRAEL

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Israel**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 29 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
I. Battle tanks	Uruguay	15			T-55	
III. Large calibre artillery systems	Slovenia	8			155 mm	
	Cameroon	4			155 mm	
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	Chile	10			Gabriel missiles	

National criteria on transfers: departure of equipment from the exporter's territory.

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Israel**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 29 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
III. Large calibre artillery systems	United States of America	16			MLRS (M203)	
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	United States of America	5			Harpoon missiles	

National criteria on transfers: arrival of equipment in the importer's territory.

ITALY

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Italy**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 29 April 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Chile	12	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		M-113 combat vehicle	
III. Large calibre artillery systems	Republic of Korea	1	Italy		127/54 naval gun	
	Brazil	10	Italy		105/14	
IV. Combat aircraft	Eritrea	6	Italy		MB-339/C training	
VI. Warships	Malaysia	2	Italy		Fast attack craft/missile	

JAPAN

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Japan**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 24 June 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	United States of America	55			Standard Harpoon Vertical Launching System	

National criteria on transfers: Arrival of equipment in the importer's territory

JORDAN

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Jordan**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 12 June 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
IV. Combat aircraft	United States of America	6	United States of America		F-16	Aid

LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA

[Original: Arabic]
[5 August 1998]

In 1997, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya did not import, export or transfer any arms in the categories stipulated in the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms because of the unjust embargo imposed on it by Security Council resolutions 748 (1992) and 883 (1993), which, *inter alia*, prohibit the provision to the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya of all types of arms and related material, including the sale or transfer of weapons and ammunition.

MALAYSIA

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Malaysia**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 13 March 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
IV. Combat aircraft	United States of America	8			FA/18 D Hornets	Procurement through contract
VI. Warships	Italy	2			Missile Corvette Laksamana Class	Procurement through contract

NETHERLANDS

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Netherlands**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 30 April 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
I. Battle tanks	Austria	35	Germany		35x Leopard 2	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Bahrain	1	United States of America		1 x M - 113 C&V	
III. Large calibre artillery systems	United Arab Emirates	87	United States of America		87x M - 109	
	Austria	5	United States of America		5x M - 109	
VI. Warships	United Arab Emirates	1	Netherlands		1x frigate (Kortenaer class)	
	Greece	1	Netherlands		1x frigate (Kortenaer class)	

NORWAY

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Norway**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 1 June 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
III. Large calibre artillery systems	United States of America	6			227 mm MLRS	
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	United States of America	58			AMRAAM	
	Germany	468			MLRS AT-2	

PAKISTAN

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Pakistan**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 15 June 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
I. Battle tanks	Ukraine	105			Tank T80UD with 125 mm gun	
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	China	8				

PERU

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Peru**

Original language: Spanish
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 18 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
III. Large calibre artillery systems	Spain	6			Shells 122mm	
IV. Combat aircraft	Belarus	18			MIG-29	[a]
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	Italy	6			Otomat	
	France	4			Exocet	

[a] Acquisition took place during the period 1997-1998.

PHILIPPINES

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Philippines**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 27 April 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
II. Armoured combat vehicles	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	38			Wheeled Personnel Carrier	
	United States of America	11			V-300	
IV. Combat aircraft	Jordan	2			F-5A	

POLAND

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Poland**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 22 April 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Togo	20	Poland		BWP-2	

PORTUGAL

IMPORTS

Reporting country **Portugal**

Original language English
Background information provided yes

Calendar year 1997
Date of submission 2 April 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
III. Large calibre artillery systems	United States of America	20			107 mm Mortar	

QATAR

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Qatar**

Original language: Arabic
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 14 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
IV. Combat aircraft	France	3				
VI. Warships	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2				

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Republic of Korea**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 21 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
I. Battle tanks	Russian Federation	27			T-80U	13 January 1997
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Russian Federation	13			BMP-3	13 January 1997

ROMANIA

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Romania**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 22 June 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
III. Large calibre artillery systems	Bosnia and Herzegovina	18		United States of America	MLRS-40 Cal 122	

SINGAPORE

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Singapore**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 18 June 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
III. Large calibre artillery systems	Indonesia	5			155 mm Field Howitzer	

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Singapore**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 18 June 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	United States of America	6			Sparrow and Harpoon missiles	

SLOVAKIA

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Slovakia**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 1 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
III. Large calibre artillery systems	Rwanda	5			122 rocket launcher model 70	
IV. Combat aircraft	United States of America[a]	1			MIG 21U	without weapons

[a] Transferred from Australia to the United States of America.

SLOVENIA

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Slovenia**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 4 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
III. Large calibre artillery systems	Israel	18			155 mm	

SOUTH AFRICA

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **South Africa**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 26 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer** **Date of transfer**
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Congo	18	South Africa	Nil	Vehicle Mamba. MK2. 4x4 APC-11 Man (UNIMOG 416)	28 January 1997
	Côte d'Ivoire	2	South Africa	Nil	Vehicle. RG31. Mine Protected. 4x4	23 July 1997
	Rwanda	2	South Africa	Nil	Vehicle. RG31. Armoured Personnel Carrier - Nyala	2 September 1997
		2	South Africa	Nil	Vehicle. RG31. Armoured Personnel Carrier - Nyala	24 November 1997
IV. Combat aircraft	Cameroon	1	South Africa	Nil	Aircraft Impala MK1	4 March 1997
		1	South Africa	Nil	Aircraft Impala MK1	4 March 1997
	Switzerland	3	South Africa	Nil	Aircraft Pilatus PC7	19 August 1997

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Spain**

Original language: Spanish
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 18 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
IV. Combat aircraft	Thailand	9	United States of America		Harrier=7 AV-8A and 2 TAV-8A	
VI. Warships	Thailand	1			Helicopter carrier ship	

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Spain**

Original language: Spanish
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 18 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
III. Large calibre artillery systems	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	16			Canon 105 mm Light Gun	
IV. Combat aircraft	United States of America	3			AV-8B Harrier II Plus	
		1			EF-18	
	Qatar	5	France		F-1 EDA	
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	United States of America	12			Missile launchers LAU-116A	

National criteria on transfers:

Exports: Departure of equipment from the exporter's territory and transfer of titles
Imports: Arrival of equipment in the importer's territory and transfer of titles

SWEDEN

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Sweden**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 21 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Norway	4			CV 9030 model	
	Germany	3			BV 206S All Terrain Carrier	
VI. Warships	Chile	1			Minelayer	

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Sweden**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 21 May 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
I. Battle tanks	Germany	26			Leopard 2	Strv 122 (Krauss-Maffei Battle Tank Leopard, 2 S)
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Switzerland	2			Piranha	
	Germany	31	Former Warsaw Pact Country		MT-LB	Pbv 401 (APC MT-LB)
		25			MT-LBu	Pbv 4020
		1			MTL B-A1	
		361		Czech Republic (for re-export to Sweden)	BMP-1	Pbv 501(AIFV BM-P)

National criteria on transfers: Physical transfer at border.

SWITZERLAND

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Switzerland**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 31 March 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Sweden	2			2 MOWAG Piranha II (10 x 10)	

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Switzerland**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 31 March 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
IV. Combat aircraft	United States of America	16			F/A-18 for assembly line	commercial charter
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	United States of America	64			AMRAAM	commercial charter

THAILAND

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Thailand**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 29 April 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
I. Battle tanks	United States of America	101			Tank M60 A3	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	United States of America	62			APC M113	
IV. Combat aircraft	United States of America	8				
	Spain	9				
	Thailand	1	United States of America		F-5E # 76-1668	Repair & overhaul
VI. Warships	Spain	1			Offshore patrol helicopter carrier	

THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 10 August 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Kazakhstan	12	Russian Federation			

TURKEY

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Turkey**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 25 June 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Maldives	3			"Cobra" Armoured Vehicle	

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Turkey**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 25 June 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
II. Armoured combat vehicles	United States of America	10			LFV/1 Dragoon	Sale
IV. Combat aircraft	United States of America	26			F-16	
VI. Warships	Russian Federation	1			ATL	Sale
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	United States of America	3			UGM-24	
		50			AIM-120	
		1			MK41	

UKRAINE

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Ukraine**

Original language: English
Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 15 July 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
I. Battle tanks	Pakistan	105			T-80 UD	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Indonesia	9			BTR-50PK	
		3			BREM-2	
IV. Combat aircraft	India	5			MIG-21UP	
	Cambodia	4			L-39	
V. Attack helicopters	Yugoslavia	2			Mi-24B	
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	India	80		Russian Federation		
		24				
	Canada	4				
	Algeria	10				

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1997
Date of submission: 22 April 1998

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Brunei Darussalam	2			CAV Protected Land Rover	
	Argentina	9			Tactica Armoured Personnel Carriers	For UNFICYP use only
	Indonesia	12			Tactica Armoured Personnel Carriers	
		10			Stormer Armoured Personnel Carriers	
		1			Bridge Laying Vehicle	
	Kuwait	72			Warrior	
	Oman	6			Piranha	
	Qatar	2			Piranha	
III. Large calibre artillery systems	Spain	25			105 mm Light Guns (L 118)	
IV. Combat aircraft	Indonesia	4			Hawk 109/209	
	Saudi Arabia	20			Hawk 65 A	
		36			Tornado IDS	
V. Attack helicopters	Brazil	8			Super Lynx Mk21A	

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
VI. Warships	Brazil	1			Type 22 frigate	Second-hand (HMS Battleaxe)
	Qatar	4			56 metre Fast Attack Craft	
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	United Arab Emirates	338				

Note: Equipment purchased from programmes in which the United Kingdom is a collaborative partner is declared as "Procurement from National Production".

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

It is possible that there will be discrepancies in the numbers of transferred arms as reported by exporting and importing States, owing to differences in recorded dates of transfer and in what each country determines to constitute a reportable transfer.

The United States considers that its transfers of military equipment occur at the time ownership title for the equipment is transferred between the United States and another country. The 1998 submission therefore includes equipment whose title was transferred during the 1997 calendar year.

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **United States of America**

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A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
I. Battle tanks	Jordan	38			38 x M60	
	Thailand	101			101 x M60	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Brazil	14			1 x AAVC7 12 x AAVP7 1 x AAVR7	
	Egypt	437			15 x M106 44 x M125 378 x M113	
	Lebanon	88			88 x M113	
	Republic of Korea	3			3 x AAV-7	
	Saudi Arabia	159			103 x LAV 56 x M113	
	Thailand	63			21 x M-125A3 12 x M-1064A3 12 x M-577A3 18 x M-901A3	
	Turkey	189			10 x LFV-1 Dragoon 179 x M-1064	

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	Final importer State(s)	Number of items	State of origin (if not exporter)	Intermediate location (if any)	Description of item	Comments on the transfer
III. Large calibre artillery systems	Australia	2			2 x MK-45 naval gun	Recipient employs different transfer definition
	Austria	42			42 x M109	
	Bahrain	49			49 x M110	
	Bosnia and Herzegovina	126			126 x M114	
	Israel	16			16 x MLRS	
	Japan	14			5 x MLRS chassis (M-2 chassis, modified) 9 x M-270 (MLRS launcher loader module)	Recipient employs different transfer definition
	Jordan	18			18 x M110	
	Morocco	60			60 x M110	
	Norway	6			6 x MLRS	
IV. Combat aircraft	Argentina	14			11 x A-4 1 x P-3 2 x TA-4	Recipient employs different transfer definition
	Denmark	4			4 x F-16	
	Finland	13			13 x F/A -18	
	Greece	19			16 x F-16 3 x P-3	
	Malaysia	8			8 x F/A-18	
	Norway	1			1 x F-16	
	Pakistan	2			2 x P-3	
	Republic of Korea	12			12 x F-16	
	Saudi Arabia	16			16 x F-15	

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
IV. Combat aircraft (cont'd)	Spain	1			1 x F/A-18	
	Switzerland	19			19 x F/A-18	
	Thailand	10			10 x A-7	
	Turkey	26			26 x F-16	
V. Attack helicopters	Bahrain	10			10 x AH-1	
	Egypt	6			6 x AH-64	
VI. Warships	Mexico	2			2 x Fast frigates	
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	Bahrain	4			4 x AGM/RGM/UGM-84	
	Denmark	44			44 x AIM-120	
	Egypt	16			16 x AGM/RGM/UGM-84	
	Germany	36			36 x AGM-88	Recipient employs different transfer definition
	Greece	270			270 x MLRS rocket pods	
	Israel	1502			2 x Shipboard launchers 1500 x MLRS rocket pods	
	Japan	449			9 x Harpoon missiles 5 x Shipboard launchers 402 x MLRS rocket pods 33 x Standard missiles	Recipient employs different transfer definition
	Malaysia	20			20 x AIM-7	
	Norway	66			66 x AIM-120	

A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Final importer State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
VII. Missiles and missile launchers (cont'd)	Republic of Korea	344			40 x AIM-7 190 x AIM-120 66 x AGM-88 42 x AGM/RGM/UGM-84 2 x MK-48 4 x shipboard launchers	
	Singapore	4			4 x AIM-7	
	Turkey	69			8 x AGM/RGM/UG M-84 60 x AIM-120 1 x MK-41	

Note: In addition, during the 1997 calendar year, transfers to Taiwan took place as follows:

I. Battle tanks	30 x M-60
IV. Combat aircraft	60 x F-16
V. Attack helicopters	9 x AH-1
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	248 x AIM-7

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Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
IV. Combat aircraft	Republic of Moldova	21			21 x MIG-29	

VIET NAM

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A	B	C	D	E	Remarks	
Category (I-VII)	**Exporter State(s)**	**Number of items**	**State of origin (if not exporter)**	**Intermediate location (if any)**	**Description of item**	**Comments on the transfer**
IV. Combat aircraft	Russian Federation	2			SU 27	

III. Index of background information provided by Governments for the calendar year 1997

State	Title	Language
Armenia	Military holdings.	English
Australia	Additional background material on exports. Military holdings.	English
Austria	Military holdings. Procurement through national production.	English
Azerbaijan	Military holdings (as of 30 April 1998).	Russian
Belgium	Overall holdings of battle tanks, armoured combat vehicles, artillery systems, combat aircraft, attack helicopters, warships, missiles and missile launchers (as of 31 December 1997).	French
Brazil	Military holdings. Procurement through national production. Relevant policies and/or national information.	English
Bulgaria	Military holdings. Procurement through national production.	English
Canada	Military holdings (as of 31 December 1997). Procurement through national production.	English
Czech Republic	Military holdings (as of 1 January 1998). Procurement from national production.	English
Denmark	Military holdings ultimo 1997. Procurement through national production ("nil" report).	English
France	Military holdings. Procurement through national production. Holdings policy.	French

State	Title	Language
Germany	Military holdings. Procurement from national production. German policy and practice on exports of conventional weapons and related technology.	English
Greece	Military holdings and procurement from national production.	English
Ireland	National holdings.	English
Israel	Background information.	English
Italy	Military holdings. Procurement from national production.	English
Japan	Military holdings (as of 31 March 1997). Procurement through national production. Japan's policies on the control of arms exports and imports.	English
Kiribati	Military holdings ("nil" report).	English
Luxembourg	Procurement from national production ("nil" report). National legislation governing exports of military equipment.	French
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Military holdings (not applicable)	English
Netherlands	Military holdings. Procurement through national production ("nil" report).	English

State	Title	Language
New Zealand	Military holdings. Procurement through national production ("nil" report). "The shape of New Zealand's defence", a white paper, November 1997. Annual report to Parliament of the New Zealand Defence Force for the year ended 30 June 1997. Departmental forecast report of the New Zealand Defence Force, 1 July 1997 - 30 June 1998. Annual report to Parliament of the New Zealand Ministry of Defence for the year ended 30 June 1997. Departmental forecast report of the Ministry of Defence, 1 July 1997 - 30 June 1998.	English
Niue	Military holdings ("nil" report).	English
Poland	Military holdings (valid as of 1 January 1998). Procurement through national production.	English
Portugal	Military holdings as of 31 December 1997. Procurement through national production. Portuguese arms exports: relevant policies.	English
South Africa	South African national production.	English
Spain	Military holdings (as of 31 December 1997). Procurement from national production ("nil" report). Relevant Spanish policies, legislation and procedures governing exports of defense equipment.	Spanish
Sweden	Military holdings as of 31 December 1997. Procurement from national production. Sweden's data as of 1 January 1998 for the annual exchange of military information pursuant to the Vienna Document 1994. Swedish Arms Exports in 1997: a government report.	English

State	Title	Language
Switzerland	Military holdings. Procurement through national production.	English
Tajikistan	Military holdings ("nil" report).	English
Turkey	Military holdings. Procurement through national production.	English
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Military holdings. Procurement from national production. United Kingdom Defence. Equipment procurement, import and export policies.	English
United States of America	Military holdings. Procurement through national production. United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency fact sheet: Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly resolution on conventional arms transparency and confidence-building in the Americas. Mutual confidence in the Americas (resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on 5 June 1997).	English
Venezuela	Background information on current holdings of weapons systems and procurement through national production.	Spanish

IV. Information received from Governments on procurement from national production and military holdings

State	Military holdings	Procurement
Armenia	yes	
Australia	yes	
Austria	yes	yes
Azerbaijan	yes	
Belgium	yes	
Brazil	yes	yes
Bulgaria	yes	yes
Canada	yes	yes
Czech Republic	yes	yes
Denmark	yes	nil
France	yes	yes
Germany	yes	yes
Greece	yes	yes
Ireland	yes	
Italy	yes	yes
Japan	yes	yes
Luxembourg		nil
Micronesia (Federated States of)	nil	
Netherlands	yes	nil
New Zealand	yes	nil
Poland	yes	yes
Portugal	yes	
South Africa		yes

State	Military holdings	Procurement
Spain	yes	nil
Sweden	yes	yes
Switzerland	yes	yes
Tajikistan	nil	
Turkey	yes	yes
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	yes	yes
United States of America	yes	yes
Venezuela	yes	yes

Note: The Governments of Kiribati and Niue submitted nil reports on military holdings.

ARMENIA

OVERALL HOLDINGS OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS OF THE ARMENIAN ARMED FORCES

I. Battle tanks	102
II. Armoured combat vehicles - Armoured infantry fighting vehicles - Armoured personnel carriers	218 168 50
III. Large calibre artillery systems	225
IV. Combat aircraft	6
V. Attack helicopters	7
VI. Warships	none
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	none

AUSTRALIA

MILITARY HOLDINGS

I. Battle tanks	103 Leopard 1A/AS1s
II. Armoured combat vehicles	770 M113s 111 ASLAVs
III. Large calibre artillery systems	36 m198 155 mm howitzers
IV. Combat aircraft	36 F-111s 71 F/A-18s
V. Attack helicopters	nil
VI. Warships	3 destroyers 8 frigates
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	18 RAPIER systems 19 Bofors RBS-70

AUSTRIA

MILITARY HOLDINGS

A	B	C	REMARKS	
Category (I-VII)	**Number of items**	**State of origin**	**Description of item**	**Comments**
I. Battle tanks	2	former USSR	T 72 MIT	
	2	former USSR	T 55 AM2	
	169	USA	MBT M 60 A3Ö	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	155	Domestic	APC A1	
	105	Domestic	APC A1/20mm	
	285	Domestic	HACV K/105mm	
	68	Domestic	APC/UN	
	90	FRG	TD Jaguar I	
	1	former USSR	BMP-2	
	2	former USSR	BMP-1	
	2	former USSR	BTR-70	
	2	former USSR	PTS-M/PKP	
III. Large calibre artillery systems	108	USA	M 101	
	162	USA	M109	
	24	USA	M 2/immobile	
	6	USA	M 30	
	67	USA	M 2	
	194	Domestic	M 86	M86/mortar One became unserviceable and has been scrapped in 1997
	48	Domestic	M 60	One became unserviceable and has been scrapped in 1997
	18	former Czechoslovakia	128 mm MRL	
IV. Combat aircraft	24	S	S-35Ö	
	29	S	S-105Ö	

A	B	C	REMARKS	
Category (I-VII)	**Number of items**	**State of origin**	**Description of item**	**Comments**
V. Attack helicopters	NIL			
VI. Warships	NIL			
VII. Missile and missile launchers	NIL			

PROCUREMENT THROUGH NATIONAL PRODUCTION

A	B	REMARKS	
Category (I-VII)	**Number of items**	**Description of item**	**Comments**
I. Battle tanks	NIL		no domestic production
II. Armoured combat vehicles	NIL		
III. Large calibre artillery systems	NIL		
IV. Combat aircraft	NIL		no domestic production
V. Attack helicopters	NIL		no domestic production
VI. Warships	NIL		no domestic production
VII. Missiles and missiles launchers	NIL		no domestic production

AZERBAIJAN

MILITARY HOLDINGS
(as of 30 April 1998)

Category	Number of Items
1. Battle tanks	270
2. Armoured combat vehicles	361
3. Large calibre artillery systems	301
4. Combat aircraft	48
5. Attack helicopters	15
6. Warships	
- patrol boats	1
- minesweepers	5
- landing crafts	6
- landing cutters	2
- special-purpose warships	1
- special-purpose cutters	1

BELGIUM

MILITARY HOLDINGS
(as of 31 December 1997)

Category	Total number of items
I. Battle tanks	305
II. Armoured combat vehicles	1199
III. Large calibre artillery systems	326
IV. Combat aircraft	164
V. Attack helicopters	46
VI. Warships	5
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	0

BRAZIL

MILITARY HOLDINGS

A	B	C
Category (I-VII)	**Description of items**	**No**
I. Battle tanks	- CC M60 A# TTS	91
	- CC M41	287
	- CC Leopard 1A1	28
II. Armoured combat vehicles	- Reconnaissance, CASCAVEL	415
	- Personnel carrier, M-113, AAVP-7A1 and URUTU	854
	- Command carrier, M-577 A1 and AAVC-7A1	4
	- Bridge launcher, XLP-10	5
	- Mine clearance, M-4	12
	- Fire support, M-125 A1	2
	- Repair and rescue, M-578, M-806 E1 and AAVR-7A1	18
	- Missile launcher, SP2 Rolland	4
III. Large calibre artillery systems	- Howitzer 105 mm, M-101 A1 and M2A2	356
	- Howitzer 155 mm, M-114 A1	98
	- Armoured self-propelled howitzer, M-108	72
	- Mortar 4.2 inch, M-30	217
	- Mortar 120 mm, K6A3	85
	- Rocket launcher, ASTROS II	4
IV. Combat aircraft	- F-5 E/F Tiger II	48
	- F-103 D/E Mirage III	16
	- A-1 AMX	38
V. Attack helicopters	- Super Lynx MK 21-A	14
	- SH-3B	6
	- SH-3	7
	- UH-12 Squirrel	12
	- UH-13 Squirrel B1	9

A	B	C
Category (I-VII)	**Description of items**	**No**
V. Attack helicopters (cont'd)	- HB 350 L1 Squirrel H1	5
	- AS-550 A2 Fennec	15
	- UH-1H Iroquois	48
VI. Warships	- Aircraft carrier ship	1
	- Destroyer	4
	- Corvette	11
	- Tank landing ship	4
	- Supply ship	1
	- Transport ship	3
	- Training ship	1
	- Ocean tugs	3
	- Frigate	10
	- Submarine	4
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	[a]	[a]

[a] The missiles held in the Brazilian inventory are an organic part of equipment listed above.

PROCUREMENT THROUGH NATIONAL PRODUCTION

Categories	Number of items	Description of item	Comments
I. Battle tanks			
II. Armoured combat vehicles			
III. Large calibre artillery systems			
IV. Combat aircraft	2	AM-X (A-1)	Assembled by EMBRAER
V. Attack helicopters			
VI. Warships			
VII. Missiles and missile launchers			

BULGARIA

MILITARY HOLDINGS AND PROCUREMENT THROUGH NATIONAL PRODUCTION
(as of 1 January 1998)

Category	Military holdings	Procurement through national production
I. Battle tanks	1 475	nil
II. Armoured combat vehicles	1 985	nil
III. Large calibre artillery systems	1 744	6 (122 mm self-propelled howitzer)
IV. Combat aircraft	234	nil
V. Attack helicopters	43	nil
VI. Warships	3	nil
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	86	nil

CANADA

MILITARY HOLDINGS
(as of 31 December 1997)

Category	Description	Quantity
I. Battle tanks	Leopard C1	114
	Armoured Engineer Vehicle	9
	Armoured Recovery Vehicle	8
	Armoured Bridge Layer	9
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Grizzly Wheeled Armoured Personnel Carrier	269
	Cougar Wheeled Fire Support Vehicle	195
	Light Armoured Vehicle (Bison)	199
	Light Armoured Vehicle (Coyote)	203
	Armoured Personnel Carrier M113	1 214
III. Large calibre artillery systems	Recoilless Rifle 106 mm	111
	Howitzer M109 155 mm	76
	LG1 Mk II	8
	Howitzer 105 mm	192
IV. Combat aircraft	CF-118 A&B Fighter/Ground Attack	122
	CF-5 Fighter/Ground Attack	57[a]
	CP-140A Arcturus Patrol	3
	CP-140 ASW/Patrol	18
V. Attack helicopters	CH-124 ASW (Sea King)	30
VI. Warships	Guided Missile Destroyer	4
	Frigates	2
	Helicopter Frigate	14
	Maritime Coastal Defence Vessels (MCDV)	8
	Submarines	3
	Operational Support Ships	3[b]
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	Missiles and missile launchers	1 518[c]

[a] 3 CF-5 aircraft were donated to Canadian museums in 1997. Ten of the remaining 57 CF-5 aircraft were cannibalized for parts and are unflyable.

[b] These ships have been in service since the 1960s. They are being reported for the first time owing to the broadening of the definition of a warship.

[c] In the interest of transparency, our reporting practice has been revised to apply the broadest possible interpretation of the guidelines on missile holdings and include both air-to-ground and air-to-air missiles held by the Canadian Forces. There has been no change in actual holdings from the previous report.

PROCUREMENT THROUGH NATIONAL PRODUCTION

Category	Description	Quantity
I. Battle tanks		
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Light Armoured Vehicle (Coyote)	105
III. Large calibre artillery systems		
IV. Combat aircraft		
V. Attack helicopters		
VI. Warships	Maritime Coastal Defence Vehicles (MCDV)	8[a]
VII. Missiles and missile launchers		

[a] MCDV deliveries commenced with four vessels in 1996, the final four were delivered in 1997.

CZECH REPUBLIC

MILITARY HOLDINGS
(as of 1 January 1998)

I. Battle tanks	948
II. Armoured combat vehicles	1 894
III. Large calibre artillery systems	767
IV. Combat aircraft	122
V. Attack helicopters	36
VI. Warships	nil
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	[a]

Note: Equipment for research, exhibits for museums and equipment discarded by armed forces before 17 July 1992 are not included in the number of military holdings.

PROCUREMENT FROM NATIONAL PRODUCTION

I. Battle tanks	nil
II. Armoured combat vehicles	nil
III. Large calibre artillery systems	nil
IV. Combat aircraft	nil
V. Attack helicopters	nil
VI. Warships	nil
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	[a]

[a] This category of weapons represents a specific type. They are designed for defence purposes only. No information is provided.

DENMARK

MILITARY HOLDINGS

Battle tanks	337
Armoured combat vehicles	313
Armoured personnel carriers and armoured infantry fighting vehicles lookalikes	280
Artillery	503
Armoured vehicle launched bridges	10
Attack helicopters	12
Combat support helicopters	13
Combat aircraft	77
Unarmed transport helicopters	16
Warships above 850 metric tons	
Offshore patrol vessels	5
Missile corvettes	3
Minelayers	4
Warships below 850 metric tons	
Minelayers	2
Mine countermeasure vessels	1
Submarines	5
Missile craft	10
Standard flex vessels	14
Coastal and inshore patrol vessels	20

PROCUREMENT FROM NATIONAL PRODUCTION

"Nil" report

FRANCE

MILITARY HOLDINGS AND PROCUREMENT THROUGH NATIONAL PRODUCTION

Categories	Holdings	Procurement through national production
I. Battle tanks	1 210	33
II. Armoured combat vehicles	4 688	—
III. Large calibre artillery systems	1 130	—
IV. Combat aircraft	702	6
V. Attack helicopters	368	7
VI. Warships	61	—
VII. Missiles and missile launchers		—

GERMANY

MILITARY HOLDINGS

Categories I through VII	Holdings as of 31 December 1997
I. Battle tanks	3 174, of which: 1 346 Leopard 1 1 828 Leopard 2
II. Armoured combat vehicles	4 210, of which: 2 121 Marder 1 105 M 113 348 Fuchs 210 Wiesel 133 Wiesel MK 379 Gepard 143 Roland 409 Luchs 226 Jaguar 1 136 Jaguar 2
III. Large calibre artillery systems	2 071, of which: 144 FH 105 mm M 101 19 GebH 105 mm 192 FH 155 mm FH-70 573 M 109 394 Brandt 515 Tampella 80 LARS 154 MLRS
IV. Combat aircraft	649, of which: 330 Tornado 23 MIG 29 156 Phantom F-4F 18 military patrol aircraft 9 F 104 108 Alpha jet 1 MIG 21 3 MIG 23 1 SU 22
V. Attack helicopters	243, of which: 204 BO 105 PAH-1 (Eurocopter) 17 MK 88 Sea Lynx 22 MK 41 Sea King

Categories I through VII	Holdings as of 31 December 1997
VI. Warships	79, of which: 3 destroyers Z 103 B 12 frigates 20 (fast attack craft missile) patrol boats (PCFG) 44 auxiliary ships
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	[a]

[a] Holdings are classified.

PROCUREMENT FROM NATIONAL PRODUCTION IN 1997[a]

Categories I through VII	Procurement from national production in 1997
I. Battle tanks	nil
II. Armoured combat vehicles	2 Fuchs
III. Large calibre artillery systems	nil
IV. Combat aircraft	nil
V. Attack helicopters	nil
VI. Warships	nil
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	nil

[a] Procurement from national production is defined for the purposes of the present report as complete weapons systems within the seven categories of weapons covered by this Register, purchased by the Government during 1997 from suppliers within Germany, or from co-production programmes in which Germany is a partner.

GREECE

MILITARY HOLDINGS AND PROCUREMENT FROM NATIONAL PRODUCTION

Category	Military holdings	Procurement through national production
I. Battle tanks	1735	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	2563	
III. Large calibre artillery systems	1753	
IV. Combat aircraft	503	
V. Attack helicopters	20	
VI. Warships	37	
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	720 229	

IRELAND

NATIONAL HOLDINGS

A	B	C
Category (I-VII)	**Number of items**	**Description**
I. Battle tanks	NIL	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	115	
	16	Panhard AML 60 CS Mortar
	16	Panhard AML MC HB 60 Mortar
	15	Panhard AML H 90
	47	Panhard VTT M3
	5	Timoney MK VI
	14	Scorpion CVR (T)
	2	Sisu
III. Large calibre artillery systems	79	
Artillery pieces	12	Model 118 Field L118 105 mm Gun
Mortars	67	Mortar Brandt 120 mm
IV. Combat aircraft	6	CM 170 FOUGA MAGISTER (Used as primary trainer)
V. Attack helicopters	NIL	
VI. Warships	NIL	
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	NIL	

ITALY

MILITARY HOLDINGS AND PROCUREMENT FROM NATIONAL PRODUCTION OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS

A	B	C
Category	**Military holdings**	**Procurement through national production**
I. Battle tanks	1 313	30
II. Armoured combat vehicles	2 924	—
III. Large calibre artillery systems	1 758	—
IV. Combat aircraft	552	20
V. Attack helicopters	134	2
VI. Warships	47	—
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	6 485[a]	—

[a] Includes missiles incorporated in system reported in category III.

JAPAN

MILITARY HOLDINGS
(as of 31 March 1997)

Category (I - VII)	Description of items	Number of items
I. Battle tanks	Type-61 tank	101
	Type-74 tank	873
	Type-90 tank	136
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Type-60 armoured personnel carrier	341
	Type-73 armoured personnel carrier	337
	Type-89 armoured fighting vehicle	52
	Type-82 command and communication vehicle	224
	Type-87 reconnaissance and patrol vehicle	87
	Type-87 self-propelled anti-aircraft machine gun	41
	Type-70 tank recovery vehicle	4
	Type-78 tank recovery vehicle	50
	Type-90 tank recovery vehicle	11
	Type-87 gun-side ammunition vehicle	57
	Type-75 windage measurement vehicle	15
	Type-73 armoured personnel carrier (with wind measurement instrument)	1
	Chemical protection vehicle (wheel)	19
	Type-73 tractor	15
	Type-60 self-propelled 106 mm recoilless rifle	198
III. Large calibre artillery systems	Type-60 106 mm recoilless rifle	390
	107 mm mortar	409
	120 mm mortar RT	207
	Type-60 self-propelled 107 mm mortar	11
	105 mm howitzer	56
	155 mm howitzer	15
	155 mm howitzer FH70	426

Category (I - VII)	Description of items	Number of items
III. Large calibre artillery systems (cont'd)	Type-74 self-propelled 105 mm howitzer	19
	Type-75 self-propelled 155 mm howitzer	201
	203 mm self-propelled howitzer	91
	155 mm gun	15
	Type-75 130 mm multiple rocket system	66
	Multiple launch rocket system	27
IV. Combat aircraft	F-15J/DJ	190
	F-4EJ[a]	112
	RF-4E/EJ	24
	F-1	61
	P-3C	99
	EP-3	4
V. Attack helicopters	AH-1S	86
VI. Warships	Destroyer	58
	Submarine	16
	Mine warfare ship	5
	Patrol guided missile boat	3
	Landing ship tank	6
	Auxiliary ship	9
VII. Missiles and missile launchers		

[a] F-4EJs include upgraded versions of the F-4EJ.

PROCUREMENT THROUGH NATIONAL PRODUCTION

Category (I - VII)	Description of items	Number of items
I. Battle tanks	Type-90 tank	18
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Type-89 armoured fighting vehicle	3
	Type-82 command and communication vehicle	3
	Type-87 reconnaissance and patrol vehicle	1

Category (I - VII)	Description of items	Number of items
II. Armoured combat vehicles (cont'd)	Type-87 self-propelled anti-aircraft machine gun	2
	Type-90 tank recovery vehicle	2
	Type-87 gun-side ammunition vehicle	4
	Chemical protection vehicle (wheel)	2
	Type-96 armed personnel carrier (wheel)	29
III. Large calibre artillery systems	120 mm mortar RT	42
	Type-96 self-propelled 120 mm mortar	6
	155 mm howitzer FH70	10
	Multiple launch rocket system	9
IV. Combat aircraft	RF-4E/EJ[a]	1
	F-2	8
V. Attack helicopters	AH-1S	1
VI. Warships	Destroyer	2
	Submarine	1
	Auxiliary ship	1
VII. Missiles and missile launchers		

[a] Modified from F-4EJ which was owned by the Japanese Defence Agency.

NETHERLANDS

MILITARY HOLDINGS

Category (I-VII)	Description of item	Number of items
I. Battle tanks[a]	Leopard 1 Leopard 2	274 410
II. Armoured combat vehicles[b]	YPR-765 (25 mm) YPR-765 YPR-765 (tow ATGM launcher) M-113 (25 mm) C & V	383 686 90 235
III. Large calibre artillery systems[c]	M-101 towed howitzer M-109 SP howitzer M-110 SP howitzer M-114 towed howitzer M-114/39 towed howitzer FH-70 towed howitzer 105 LT gun Brandt 120 mm mortar 4.2" mortar (ground mounted) MLRS-227 mm	1 126 1 26 80 15 8 140 2 22
IV. Combat aircraft[d]	F-16	180
V. Attack helicopters[e]	AH-64 Apache	12
VI. Warships[f]	Surface warships (a) Frigates • J. Van Heemskerk class • Kortenaer class • Tromp class • Karel Doorman class (b) Hydro, survey ships • Tydeman class • Buykes class (c) Auxiliaries/replenishment • Amsterdam class • Poolster class Submarines • Walrus class	 2 5 2 8 1 2 1 1 4
VII. Missiles and missile launchers[g]	Owing to security regulations only the grand total is given	16 409

Notes:

[a] 1 x Leopard 1 has been converted into a beach armoured recovery vehicle.
6 x Leopard 1 are used as ground targets.
2 x Leopard 1 have been added to a historical collection.
8 x Leopard 1 are used for driving training purposes. Their turrets have been removed and are cannibalized.
35 x Leopard 2 have been exported to Austria.

Notes (cont'd):

[b] Owing to an administrative error, 84 non-reportable armoured vehicles had been included in the 1996 figure for YPR-765.
18 x YPR-765 have been transferred into models of types which are not to be reported in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/36 L.
14 x M-113 C&V have been subject to cannibalization and are no longer operational. They are now used for battle damage repair instructional purposes.
2 x M-113 C&V have been added to a historical collection.
1 x M-113 C&V has been exported to Bahrain.

[c] 3 x M-109 SP howitzer have been subject to cannibalization and are no longer operational.
They are now used for repair instructional purposes.
87 x M-109 have been exported to the United Arab Emirates.
5 x M-109 have been exported to Austria.
29 x M-110 SP howitzer have been destroyed by severing.
2 x M-114 towed howitzer have been added to a historical collection.
1 x M-114 towed howitzer has turned out to have been taken for an M-114/39 towed howitzer.
1 x M-114/39 towed howitzer has been added to a historical collection.
1 x M-114/39 towed howitzer has turned out to be an M-114 towed howitzer.
5 x Brandt-120 mm have been dismantled and partly destroyed.
1 x Brandt-120 mm has been destroyed by severing.
2 x Brandt-120 mm have been added to a historical collection.

[d] 2 x F-16 have been added to a historical collection.

[e] 12 x AH-64 Apache on lease from the United States of America.

[f] 1 x frigate (Kortenaer class) has been exported to Greece.
1 x frigate (Kortenaer class) has been exported to the United Arab Emirates.

[g] Owing to an administrative error, 65 missiles had been excluded from the 1996 figure for missiles/missile launchers.
1 x missile has been fired.

PROCUREMENT THROUGH NATIONAL PRODUCTION

"Nil" report.

NEW ZEALAND

MILITARY HOLDINGS

Category	Number of items	Description of item
I. Battle tanks	nil	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	80	8 x CVR(T) Scorpion (75 mm) 72 x APC M113
III. Large calibre artillery systems	32	24 x 105 mm L118 light gun 8 x 105 mm M101A1
IV. Combat aircraft	25	19 x A4K Skyhawk 6 x P3K Orion
V. Attack helicopters	nil	
VI. Warships	5	3 x Leander class frigate (5 x Wasp helicopters) 1 x fleet replenishment ship (12,300 tonnes full load) 1 x military sealift ship (7,200 tonnes dead weight at draft of 6.16 metres)
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	nil	

PROCUREMENT THROUGH NATIONAL PRODUCTION

In the 1997 calendar year, New Zealand did not procure through national production any weapons defined under the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms.

National definition of transfers

International arms transfers involve, in addition to the physical movement of equipment from or into national territory, the transfer of title and control over equipment. The definition was applied when defining transfers for the purposes of the United Nations Register.

POLAND

MILITARY HOLDINGS AND PROCUREMENT THROUGH NATIONAL PRODUCTION
(as of 1 January 1998)

Category	Subcategory	Type	Number	Procurement
I. Battle tanks			1 727	58
		T-55	839	-
		T-72	772	-
		PT-91	116	58
II. Armoured combat vehicles			1 440	-
	APC	OT-64 *Skot*	35	-
	AIFV	BWP-1	1 367	-
		BWR-1	38	-
III. Large calibre artillery systems			1 580	-
	GUNHOW		1 092	-
		122 mm 2S1	533	-
		122 mm H.M30	280	-
		152 mm AH ML-20	160	-
		152 mm sH. M-77 *Drora*	111	-
		203 mm A.2S7	8	-
	Mortars		230	-
		120 mm M120 mod.38/43	214	-
		120 mm 2B11/2S12 *Sani*	16	-
	MLRS		258	-
		122 mm BM-21	228	-
		122 mm RM-70	30	-
IV. Combat aircraft			306	-
		MIG-21	149	-
		MIG-23	27	-
		MIG-29	22	-
		SU-20	9	-
		SU-22	99	-
V. Attack helicopters			105	6
		Mi-24	38	-
		Mi-2URP	35	-
		W-3 W *Sokói*	32	6
VI. Warships	>850 t	t.61MP, t.863, t.888, t.570, t.767, t.776, t.620D, t.874, t.861, t.877E, t.641	20	-
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	surface-surface range 25 km	*tocika, luna*	35	-

Transfers

(a) From Poland:
2 MIG-21 fighters to Australia (exhibition);

(b) To Poland:
nil.

PORTUGAL

MILITARY HOLDINGS
(as of 31 December 1997)

Category (I-VII)	Number of items	Remarks
I. Battle tanks	187	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	466	Included 25 ACV placed in Bosnia and Herzegovina
III. Large calibre artillery	340	Included 20 107 mm mortar imported
IV. Combat aircraft	101	retired 4 A7
V. Attack helicopters	0	
VI. Warships	20	
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	29	

PROCUREMENT THROUGH NATIONAL PRODUCTION

For 1997, there is no information regarding procurement through national production to be mentioned.

SOUTH AFRICA

PROCUREMENT THROUGH NATIONAL PRODUCTION

Only one of the seven categories (Category iI) featured in procurement through national production in 1997. Twenty-three (23) Armoured Combat Vehicles (ACVs) of the Heavy Armoured Combat Vehicle class were manufactured locally and delivered into inventory of the South African National Defence Force in 1997.

Returns regarding procurement through national production for the remaining categories are nil.

SPAIN

MILITARY HOLDINGS
(as of 31 December 1997)

Category	Army	Navy	Air Force	Total
I. Battle tanks	618	16	-	634
II. Armoured combat vehicles	1874	68	6	1948
III. Large calibre artillery systems	1269	18	-	1287
IV. Combat aircraft	-	18	201	219
V. Attack helicopters	28	28	-	56
VI. Warships	-	40	-	40
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	-	326	831	1157

PROCUREMENT THROUGH NATIONAL PRODUCTION

"Nil" report.

SWEDEN

MILITARY HOLDINGS
(as of 1 January 1998)

Category (I - VII)	Item	Number of items	Total number
I. Battle tanks	Strv 103	239	**486**
	Strv 104	71	
	Strv 121	149	
	Strv 122	27	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Bgbv 4012	44	**1 823**
	Bgbv 82	28	
	Bplpbv 3023	7	
	Epbv 3022	50	
	Ikv 91	216	
	Lvrbv 701	48	
	Pvrb 551	55	
	Pbv 302	514	
	Pbv 401	457	
	Pbv 501	6	
	Pskbil m/42	126	
	Strf 9040	165	
	Strf 90 E	23	
	Strf 90 Stri	17	
	Stripbv 3021	67	
III. Large calibre artillery systems	10,5 cm haub m/40	483	**1 498**
	12 cm KA-pj m/80	24	
	12 cm grk	574	
	15,5 cm bkan	26	
	15,5 cm haub 77A	205	
	15,5 cm haub 77B	72	
	15,5 cm haub F	114	
IV. Combat aircraft	AJ/S 37	31	**317**
	J35	22	
	JA37	146	
	SK37	48	
	JAS39	46	
	SK60 B-C	24	
V. Attack helicopters	Hkp 9	20	**20**

Category (I - VII)	Item	Number of items	Total number
VI. Warships	Submarines Gotland class Submarines Näcken class Submarines Näcken AIP class SubmarinesVästergötland class Missile corvettes Stockholm class Missile corvettes Göteborg class Missile vessels Norrköping class Minelayer Carlscrona Minelayer Visborg	3 1 1 4 2 4 6 1 1	**23**
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	Owing to security regulations, no details can be given		

PROCUREMENT FROM NATIONAL PRODUCTION

Category (I - VII)	Item	Number of items	Total number
I. Battle tanks		nil	**nil**
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Strf 9040 Strf 90 E Strf 90 Stri	32 14 10	**56**
III. Large calibre artillery systems			
IV. Combat aircraft	JAS 39	20	**20**
V. Attack helicopters			
VI. Warships			
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	Owing to security regulations, no details can be given		

Abbreviations used:

AJ / S 37	SAAB 37 Attack/Fighter/Reconnaissance Aircraft
Bgbv 4012	Armoured Recovery Vehicle (MT-LB)
Bgbv 82	Armoured Recovery Vehicle 82
Bkan	Bofors 1 A SPG (Self-Propelled Gun)
Bplpbv 3023	Haegglund Armoured Fire Direction Post Vehicle
Epbv 3022	Haegglund Armoured Observation Post Vehicle
Grk	Mortar
Haub	Howitzer
Hkp 9	MBB BO 105 Helicopter (AH)
IKV 91	Haegglund/Bofors Tank Destroyer (HACV)
J 35	SAAB 35 Fighter Aircraft
JA 37	SAAB 37 Fighter/Attack Aircraft
JAS 39	SAAB 39 Fighter/Attack/Reconnaissance Aircraft
KA-pj m/80	Bofors Mobile Coastal Defence Gun
Lvrbbv 701	Haegglund Armoured Surface-to-air GuidedMissile Carrier
Pbv 302	Haegglund AIFV
Pbv 401	APC (MT-LB)
Pbv 501	AIFV (BM-P)
Pskbil m/42	Landsverk/Scania (APC)
Pvrb 551	Haegglund (ATGM)
SK 37	SAAB 37 Trainer version
SK 60 B/C	SAAB 105 Light Attack/Reconnaissance Aircraft
Strf 9040	Haegglund AIFV
Strf 90 E	Haegglund Armoured Observation Post Vehicle
Strf 90 Stri	Haegglund Armoured Command Vehicle
Stripbv 3021	Haegglund Armoured Command Vehicle
Strv 103	Bofors Battle Tank Type 103
Strv 104	Battle Tank Centurion
Strv 121	Krauss-Maffei Battle Tank Leopard, A 4
Strv 122	Krauss-Maffei Battle Tank Leopard, 2 S

SWITZERLAND

MILITARY HOLDINGS AND PROCUREMENT THROUGH NATIONAL PRODUCTION

A	B	C
Category (I - VII)	Military holdings[a]	Procurement from national production
I. Battle tanks	742	
II. Armoured combat vehicles[b]	631	62 (Piranha 8 x 8 APC 93)
III. Large calibre artillery systems[c]	1 308	
IV. Combat aircraft	161	
V. Attack helicopters	none	
VI. Warships	none	
VII. Missiles and missile launchers[d]	none	

[a] Data valid as of 1 January 1998 on military holdings relating to the formations and units in the command organization.

[b] Armoured personnel carriers and armoured infantry vehicles.

[c] Self-propelled and towed artillery pieces and mortars (100 mm calibre and above).

[d] Ground-to-air missiles "Bloodhound BL 64" not included.

TURKEY

MILITARY HOLDINGS AND PROCUREMENT THROUGH NATIONAL PRODUCTION

Category	Military holdings	Procurement through national production
I. Battle tanks	4 086	-
II. Armoured combat vehicles	4 450	170
III. Large calibre artillery systems	4 180	6
IV. Combat aircraft	494	-
V. Attack helicopters	37	-
VI. Warships	72[a]	1
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	60[b]	-

[a] A total of seven ships are decomissioned for the calendar year.
[b] All AGM/RGM/UGM-84 missiles and MK-41 are on board ships.

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

MILITARY HOLDINGS

Category (I - VII)	Definition	Number
I. Battle tanks	Total	502
	Challenger 1	423
	Challenger 2	18
	Chieftain	59
	Centurion	2
II. Armoured combat vehicles	Total	3 870
	Centurion Avre	8
	CVR (W) Fox	1
	FV/AFV 432	1 240
	FV 438 Swingfire	2
	HVM Stormer 45	117
	Sabre	138
	Salamander	31
	Saracen	9
	Saxon	296
	Saxon Patrol	145
	Scimitar	332
	Scorpion	17
	Spartan	634
	Sturgeon	36
	Striker	73
	Warrior	791
III. Large calibre artillery systems	Total	460
	105 mm light gun	169
	FH70 towed howitzer	47
	AS90 SP howitzer	179
	MLRS	63
	Abbot SP gun	2
IV. Combat aircraft	Total	668
	Tornado	328
	Sea Harrier	24
	Harrier	90
	Harrier T4	4
	Hawk	105
	Jaguar	81
	Nimrod	25
	Canberra	11

Category (I - VII)	Definition	Number
V. Attack helicopters	Total	404
	Lynx Sea King 4 Sea King 5/6 Sea King AEW 2 Gazelle	154 29 46 9 166
VI. Warships	Total	93
	Aircraft carriers Submarines Frigates/DD Assault ships Survey ships Offshore patrol Patrol/training craft Aviation training ship Repair/maintenance ship Tanker/replenish ship Logistic landing ship	3 15 35 2 5 8 5 1 1 13 5
VII. Missile and missile launchers	Total	50 272

PROCUREMENT FROM NATIONAL PRODUCTION

Category (I - VII)	Number of items	Details of model, type, variant
I. Battle tanks	0	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	2	Warrior
III. Large calibre artillery systems	0	
IV. Combat aircraft	8 2	Hawk (upgrade) Sea Harrier (upgrade)
V. Attack helicopters	0	
VI. Warships	1	"HMS SutherLand" type 23 frigate
VII. Missile and missile launchers	0	

Procurement from national production is defined as complete weapon systems purchased by the Government from suppliers within the United Kingdom or from programmes in which the United Kingdom is a collaborative partner.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

MILITARY HOLDINGS AND PROCUREMENT THROUGH NATIONAL PRODUCTION

Category	Military holdings[a]	Procurement through national production
I. Battle tanks	8 971	0
II. Armoured combat vehicles	22 747	0
III. Large calibre artillery systems	9 879	117
IV. Combat aircraft	3 919	21
V. Attack helicopters	2 816	7
VI. Warships	347	5
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	121 666	1 231

[a] Relative to last year's submission (data for calendar year 1996) for United States military holdings, reductions in all categories reflect continued downsizing actions.

VENEZUELA

MILITARY HOLDINGS AND PROCUREMENT THROUGH NATIONAL PRODUCTION

Category	Military holdings	Procurement through national production
I. Battle tanks	389	0
II. Armoured combat vehicles	120	0
III. Large calibre artillery systems	54	0
IV. Combat aircraft	112	0
V. Attack helicopters	0	0
VI. Warships	15	0
VII. Missiles and missile launchers	0	0

Annex I

Views received from Governments in accordance with paragraph 5 (a) of General Assembly resolution A/52/38 R

Cuba

[Original: Spanish]
[9 July 1998]

With regard to paragraph 5, subparagraph (a), of resolution 52/38 R, the Government of the Republic of Cuba wishes to make the following comments.

Cuba supports the continuing operation of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms because it values the importance of the Register as a confidence-building measure, but it also feels that, for the further development of the Register, two obstacles which, in its view, hamper the effective operation of the Register, need to be overcome.

The first obstacle is the lack of universally acceptable definitions of terms such as "excessive accumulation of arms", "international arms transfers", "military holdings" and "procurement through national production".

On the basis of the foregoing, the Republic of Cuba suggests the following definitions:

"Excessive accumulation of arms" means the possession by a State of arms and equipment which, because of their quality and quantity, and the manner in which they are deployed, exceed the capacity needed for the defence of its sovereignty and territorial integrity, and may affect the security of other countries by enabling it to carry out aggression, large-scale military operations or surprise attacks through the deployment of forces prepared for this purpose, such as rapid deployment or standby forces.

Everything which falls outside this definition could be categorized as measures designed to ensure the self-defence and security of a country.

"International arms transfers" means the receipt by a State or the delivery to another State of military equipment, weapons systems, ammunition and means of delivery for such systems, through the transfer of ownership by the exporting country or by a private enterprise or company.

An international arms transfer would also be deemed to have taken place when the ownership or control of equipment or systems is transferred even without any physical transfer.

"Military holdings" refers to all arms and equipment of the seven categories included in the Register which are in service in the armed forces of a State, both within and outside its territory. This would include arms and equipment of the seven categories of the Register which are stored, for example, in previously prepared depots or storage facilities, or are intended to be kept, for example, in active or reserve units.

"Procurement through national production" refers to the receipt by the armed forces of arms and equipment supplied by the State through national production. This definition includes holdings of arms and equipment which have been produced but have not been delivered to military units and are stored in places equipped for that purpose.

The other obstacle which affects the effective functioning and greater understanding of the Register is the lack of the necessary additional confidence- and security-building measures among States, since the Register in itself does not fulfil this important objective.

The situation could be remedied by taking into account measures such as:

- An effective and internationally verifiable commitment to withdraw military bases situated in other countries as soon as requested to do so by the Governments of the host countries;
- Putting an end to the conduct of military exercises and manoeuvres in zones near countries with which there are disputes;
- Withdrawing military bases from zones which are relatively near other States or in the territory of those States;
- Eliminating threats between possible adversaries and demonstrating that their respective armed forces are not preparing for mutual aggression;
- Eliminating the risks of an accidental outbreak of war;
- Creating a climate of detente and mutual trust between hostile countries.

As to transparency measures related to weapons of mass destruction in the context of the Register, Cuba believes that the expansion of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms must include weapons of mass destruction, even though that would mean a change in the name of the Register, so as to cover these types of weapons as well.

The Government of the Republic of Cuba once again reiterates its willingness to cooperate with all actions which may contribute to realizing the aspirations of mankind to achieve general and complete disarmament.

Mexico

[Original: Spanish]
[18 August 1998]

The Government of Mexico supports the operation of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms by providing each year data on its imports and exports of conventional arms. Mexico has also been a member of the various groups of experts charged with the review and further development of the operation of the Register of Conventional Arms.

Mexico is of the view that the voluntary nature of the Register is likely to promote transparency in armaments and to build confidence. Nevertheless, it believes that a detailed analysis should be undertaken of the factors that inhibit the participation of States, including regional factors and difficulties relating to common standards or administrative difficulties. It was also necessary to have a clear definition of the concept of "arms transfers" and of the seven categories of conventional arms covered by the Register.

Mexico shares the view that, until such time as a consensus is achieved on this question, the provision of information by Member States on their military holdings and procurement through national production should continue to be on a voluntary basis.

Saudi Arabia

[Original: Arabic]
[17 June 1998]

With reference to operative paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 (a) of General Assembly resolution 52/38 R of 9 December 1997, Saudi Arabia reaffirms the reply of the Member States of the League of Arab States addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and

contained in the report of the Secretary-General of 28 August 1997 on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms (A/52/312).

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland[a]

Operative paragraph 5 (a) of resolution 52/38 R requests Member States to provide the Secretary-General with their views on the continuing operation of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms and its further development and on transparency measures related to weapons of mass destruction.

Operative paragraph 3 of resolution 52/38 B requests the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States on ways and means of enhancing transparency in the fields of weapons of mass destruction and transfers of equipment and technologies directly related to the development and manufacture of such weapons with a view to enhancing transparency in the field of conventional weapons.

Arms control and disarmament increasingly takes centre stage in the continued promotion of peace and stability in the world. Transparency in armaments serves well to build confidence and security between States.

The European Union is convinced that the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms is an important instrument to this end because it provides data on international arms transfers of those categories of conventional arms which are potentially destabilizing when accumulated excessively. In the five years of its existence, about 90 States, including all European Union member States, have submitted information on their conventional arms.

In order to enhance its effectiveness as a global confidence-building measure, every effort should be made to secure the widest possible participation. The member States of the European Union encourage all States Members to submit data to the Register and emphasize that even "nil" reports are an important contribution.

The member States of the European Union furthermore believe that inclusion of data on military holdings and procurement through national production makes the Register more complete and useful.

The member States of the European Union emphasize, however, that transparency measures for conventional arms are of a different nature than those related to weapons of mass destruction. Such measures should be part of the arms control and disarmament process in that field and should not be confused with that process in the field of conventional arms. The member States of the European Union therefore regret that resolution 52/38 B unequivocally links transparency measures for conventional arms to those for weapons of mass destruction.

Although transparency measures in the field of weapons of mass destruction are important and the continued discussion of such measures points to the need to find appropriate ways and means to enhance transparency, the member States of the European Union reiterate that transparency in conventional armaments would not have been as successful as they are at present if measures in that field had been extended to that of the weapons of mass destruction. The Group of Governmental Experts rightly concluded that further development of the Register should be aimed at increasing transparency of

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conventional arms and not at including transparency of other categories of armaments. The non-respect of such a fundamental distinction would seriously affect the viability of the Register while jeopardizing any further improvement with regard to the scope of participation and the level of transparency.

The member States of the European Union are committed to the further development of the Register and call upon all States Members of the United Nations to provide the requested data and information. They will continue to participate actively in all appropriate forums to discuss effective ways and means to further build security and confidence through transparency in armaments.

Annex II

Views received from Governments in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution A/52/38 B

Mexico

[Original: Spanish]
[18 August 1998]

Mexico continues to support transparency with respect to all types of armaments as an important contribution to the establishment of confidence-building measures and to the strengthening of international security. Mexico has participated in the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms since the establishment of the Register in 1992. It has also been a member of the various expert groups charged with reviewing the operation of the Register.

Mexico believes that in order for the Register to have a global impact in building confidence and to help create a climate conducive to disarmament, it must in future include both weapons of mass destruction, whose destructive and destabilizing power is far greater than that of conventional arms, and transfers of high technology with military applications. This would lead States that possess nuclear weapons and these technologies to throw their full weight behind common efforts to achieve transparency and build confidence, thereby promoting the objective of general and complete disarmament.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland[a]

The views received from the United Kingdom were in response to both General Assembly resolutions 52/38 R and 52/38 B. They are reproduced in annex I only.

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